

I would like to have you
bring these when
you come
give my love
to all

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I received your very
kind letter to day. and I
hasten to reply for I know you
will be anxious to hear from me
I wrote you a letter before I left
Baltimore and one since we have
been here. I don't know whether you
got the last one or not I did not
put any stamp on it for I had
none at that time.

We are still lying off Fortress
Mound and don't know but we
will have to serve our three years out-
on this boat. but I hope not
for I am getting ^{tired} of a sailors
life. I wouldn't care if we had
more room in our quarters. we have
to lay down or get up on our hands
and knees to eat our rations

We have Berths arranged one over the other so that it is about three feet between them and there is not room to sit in the allies so we have to take in our bunks its very convenient

When I wrote you last I told you that I was out of money and stamps but I have a plenty now. we were paid off yesterday, there was not quite two months pay coming, we were paid up to the first of this month. I received ^{16.00} \$16.00 and a check of \$8.00, and as soon as the Captain gets back. I will send home the check and money by express. I dont know whether I can send as much as I expected to or not. the ^{Capt} Cant pay me but \$15.00 and Harrison owes me \$10.00, I have not got that yet and Uncle Sam \$3.00 I will send all I can ~~any way~~

I bought a dollars worth of stamps
and a pair of boots which I needed
very much. my shoes were getting
worn out the second pair I have had
I had to pay \$7.00 for them. perhaps
you think that is a big price. but
I had rather pay that than go
with wet feet - they are a good
heavy pair. We went on shore
to day. we found Woods Rogers and
Jim Carrier and two other boys that
I was acquainted with. I told you
Woods was glad to see us. as well
as we were to see him. he looks tough
as a bear. Yesterday Norman Babcock
and Edwin Coon were yesterday here
they are quartered at Norfolk its
about fifteen miles from here
they said the ^{146th} Regt are at Suffolk
a little about twenty miles from here
Harrison and myself ^{are} going to try
and get a pass to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~town~~ ^{town}
to go up and see the Doctor

I suppose you have got plenty of snow
up there ~~at~~ this time. I have not
^{seen} any snow but once this fall, and
that was before we left Baltimore
it is warm and pleasant here
so that we do not need any thing
over us nights. I don't think we will
suffer from the cold

The box you sent we have not seen
anything of yet. I think George sent
it back. It is getting most one
oclock and I must stop writing
I did not commence till late
the boys are all well and I ~~myself~~
am tough and hearty as ever

We have plenty of hard crackers
to eat. I have a notion to send
you one. to know on, it would
be all you could eat in a ~~month~~
month. Give my love to all
write soon

Yours Affectⁿ

those two pieces of
shells are for Alice some
that I picked up on
the sea shore

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